part (b), (c) (d), (e) and (f). You cannot say "Do not arise." It is not correct. ... (*Interruptions*) ...

SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED: I must make it clear...

MR. CHAIRMAN: You can do it. You can take your time.

SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED: The question the hon. Member asked was...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have read it. A Committee includes an Advisody Committee. That is simple English.

SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED: He asked "Whether the Government has constituted a Committee to take steps to restore normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir", I say, a Committee was constituted in order to sort out a political process. ..(*Interruptions*)... It is a whole process. It is not only normalcy... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Normalcy is not the political process.

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is very clear that this Committee comes within the purview of this and I wish next time you answer this question.

SHRI N. K. P. SALVE: May we know, Sir, what is the purpose of initiating the political process if it is not to restore normalcy?

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: You could have said, "There is no such Committee but there is an Advisory Committee and these are terms of reference." That would have been a more honest reply.

श्री सभापति : आपका यह सवाल अगले हफ्ते आ जायेगा । अगले हफ्ते तक इस सवाल पर जो आपके बाकी सब हैं उनका जवाब दे दिया जायेगा ।

SHRI SUBHAMANIAN SWAMY: It should be number one on the order paper.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I am postponing the question.

SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Thank you, Sir.

Maharashtra-Karnataka border dispute

*24. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:†

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 233 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th March, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware of unanimous resolution of Maharashtra, State Assembly requesting the Central Government to settle the long standing border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka; and

(b) whether it has also been suggested that opinion poll should be taken in the disputed area and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No communication in this regard has been received from the Government of Maharashtra in the recent past.

(b) In early 1989 the Government of Maharashtra had suggested holding of an opinion Poll to resolve the dispute. The Government of India are of the view that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. Consistent with this policy, the Chief Ministers of the two States have been addressed suggesting to them to explore the possibility of arriving at a mutually acceptable solution to the dispute through fresh bilateral discussions and offering such

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri A. G. Kulkarni.

Central assistance as may be desired by them.

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: May I know from the hon. Home Minister that the reply which has been given, the same type of reply has been given for the last ten years? There is no improvement. Even a comma has not been left which was given earlier. Mufti Ji, I am very sorry that a gentleman like you should have been more careful at least in redrafting the reply so that some freshness would have come. But leave that aside; my basic question is, during the last 30 years, this question has been dragged and people living in the border areas are suffering immense privations, immense difficul- (*Interruptions*)

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: No, I object to that statement. (*Interruption*).

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: During Hegde's time, an assurance was given that the education difficulty of Maharashtra people to learn will be withdrawn. That has not been withdrawn. (*Interruptions*). The hon. Home Minister, in his reply to part (b) of the question has stated, the Chief Minister of the two States have been addressed suggesting to them to explore the possibility etc. I want to know from you, you have addressed them and they have not replied. I had also made the suggestion last year. It is the duty of the Home Minister to call both the Chief Ministers and explore a way out. Don't try to avoid that responsibility. I am very sorry that late Mr. S. M. Joshi expired on this account. Late Mr. Y. B. Chavan expired on this account. Would you please take steps to solve this problem by calling both the Chief Minister?

SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED: This border dispute has been pending since the last 30 years. During the previous regime, the Maharashtra Assembly passed a resolution. Their delegation met the then Prime Minister. Even he made it clear that it is a bilateral matter which is to be resolved by the concerned States. As far as requesting these two Chief Ministers to resolve it is concerned, I will again make an effort to call them, talk to them and request them to sort out this problem.
(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Sir, I want to know from the...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Cost of C-DOT Project

*25. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI PASUPON THAKIRUTTINAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated cost of the C-DOT Project;

(b) what was the expected time for completion of this project;

(c) the amount of money spent on this project so far;

(d) whether any results have been achieved in manufacturing switches; if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether there have been any lapses in implementing this project; and if so, what are the details thereof?